

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

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GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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The Song of Ascent

God's people sang together as they gathered and traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.

Congregation

Come into His Presence

Come into His Presence with thanksgiving in your heart
and give Him praise-- and give Him praise.

Come into His Presence with thanksgiving in your heart
your voices raise-- your voices raise.

Give glory, and honor, and power unto Him --

Jesus - the name above all names.

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ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship:

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."
—Psalm 66.1-4

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

Declaration of Truth:

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn of Praise

Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

Refrain: *Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!*

One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won,

And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land -
Men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands -
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing -
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age:
"Our God is all in all!"

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Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Gift of Music

Our Father

The Choir

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Testimony *All People that on Earth Do Dwell*
(*Children ages three through 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church*)

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the LORD with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

The LORD ye know is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The LORD our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure;

his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's Word

Psalm 4

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

2 O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? Selah

3 But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

4 Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Selah

5 Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

6 There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"

7 You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

All: The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Pastor John

"How Long Will You Love Vain Words and Seek After Lies?"

Series: Timeless Questions from the Psalms

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response

Now I Belong to Jesus

Jesus, my Lord, will love me forever,
From him no pow'r of evil can sever;
He gave his life to ransom my soul,
now I belong to Him.

Refrain:

*Now I belong to Jesus,
Jesus belongs to me,
Not for the years of time alone,
but for eternity.*

Once I was lost in sin's degradation;
Jesus came down to bring me salvation,
Lifted me up from sorrow and shame,
now I belong to him.

Joy floods my soul for Jesus has saved me,
freed me from sin that long had enslaved me;
His precious blood he gave to redeem,
now I belong to him.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for October 10, 2021

- **Series-** *Timeless Questions from the Psalms*
- **Message:**
“How Long Will You Love Vain Words and Seek After Lies?”
- **Text:** Psalm 4

David’s Prayer, 1

- Appeal to God , 1
 - David’s pattern of prayer
- God of My righteousness; cf. Psalm 11.7
- What is the right thing to do?
- Distressed- pressed into a corner
- Relieve me from my distress- set free from the corner; or, in a narrow place make for me a broad place...
- Plea: be gracious- and hear my prayer

David’s Proclamation, 2-6a

- Speaking to the World,
- Men of Rank... not the word for Adam but word for that indicates a man’s importance
- They’ve missed God’s will
 - Attacks on David are attacks on God
- How long will you seek vain words- worthlessness/lies
- Our nation is filled with people believing all sorts of things
- Our first reaction when they come after us: Don’t hit me!
- But David: His God is bigger than this person; cf. Psalm 139
 - Those who intimidate God’s people are saying they are big and you and your God is small
 - I see right through you, little man! You’re a grasshopper (Sinclair Ferguson)
- We do not fear man, we fear God
 - It angers unbelievers when we don’t quiver
 - The Pharisee, Sadducees and High Priests: we will intimidate Jesus.
- The question: how long people?
 - He tries to appeal to people’s good will
 - Come on, man: give it up!
- The true character of the rebellion exposed, 3-4
 - What we know: set apart- God chooses us for fellowship!
 - God: these are mine!
 - The answer is to be in God’s hands
- Advice to the world:
 - You think you are justified in being angry at me...
 - The incivility and hatred in our culture is toxic
 - What David is modeling – and recommending- is something different

- Be angry- perhaps tremble is a better translation- and do not sin.
- How do you do that? Lay on your bed and Ponder in your heart
 - A challenge to New Zealand's Prime Minister
- The sinner is directed to review himself, that he s may be convinced of sin. *Andrew Fuller, 1754-1815.*
- The sinner needs to change. Get alone with the Lord.
- Here's what evil people usually do on their beds, Psalm 36.4; Micah 2.1
- Instead: the better way, 5-6
 - Offer sacrifices: Please forgive my sin... bask in God's forgiveness.
 - Put trust in God
- Even among David's friends there are doubters
 - Who will show us any good?
 - They want to see rather than to believe
 - After continual disappointment with people, we may begin to doubt if God will show us any good.
- Is God with us?

David's Promises, 6b-8

- Speaking to God
- The supreme joy of perfect trust, 6b-8
 - Appeals to Aaronic blessing, Numbers 6.24
 - The greatest joy is to behold the face of the Lord
 - This makes the rest possible
- We realize... Verse 7: grab hold of it.
 - The joy of my heart is better than any earthly blessing.
 - "The superiority of the joys of grace to the joys of earth"
 - The joy in my heart is better... comes from the presence of God's face
 - "It is better to feel God's favor one hour in our repenting souls, than to sit whole ages under the warmest sunshine that this world affords."
 - Christ in the heart is better than corn in the barn, or wine in the vat.
- Enjoy your sleep tonight, 8
 - The gift of peace
 - The gift of sleep and safety

So What About Us?

- The key to a good night's sleep
 - The privilege of prayer
 - Perspective on people
 - Pursuit of God's promises